

**ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District
North Fork Cattle Allotment
2014 Annual Operating Instructions**

| <u>Permittee</u> | <u>Number Permitted</u> | <u>Season</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Robert Park | 59 | June 14 to September 30 |
| Craig Thomas | 59 | June 14 to September 30 |
| Max & Jake Fabrizio | 59 | June 14 to September 30 |
| Total Herd Size | 177 | |

Grazing Schedule

| Unit Name | Sequence | Dates of Use | Allowable Use |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Lower North Fork | 1 st | 6/14– 7/10 | 50% |
| Upper North Fork | 2 nd | 7/11 – 8/03 | 50% |
| Middle Unit-Trail Hollow | 3 rd | 8/04 – 8/25 | 40% |
| West Slope | 4 th | 8/26 – 9/30 | 50% |

Dates of use are to be used as guidelines. Grazing utilization guidelines are as follows: allowable use for upland forage species is 50% and a 4” to 6” stubble height for riparian forage species in The Lower, Middle, and West Slope units. In the Upper unit, a 40% allowable use and a 6” stubble height for riparian species are standard guidelines because of the High Uintas Wilderness Area. Permittees should closely monitor key areas. It is imperative that permittees do not allow cattle to graze to a point that the key areas have a “mowed” look to it (i.e. all grass seed heads have been removed from the stalks). Compliance of allowable use standards will be fully enforced.

Grazing fees are at a \$1.35 this year. Payments must be received in lockbox before cattle will be allowed on the Forest. Our resource clerk will monitor lockbox payments.

Annual Operating Plan Meeting

Meeting was held at the Craig Thomas residence on March 28, 2014 with Bob Park, Craig Thomas, Max Fabrizio, Ben Park, and Amber Helmus present. The following was discussed:

1. Permittees mentioned that the trail up Trail Hollow towards Rhoades Canyon needed to be improved. Also, the trail by Iron Mine that crosses the river and the Swift Creek Trail needs cleared out.
2. Craig mentioned that a fence needed to be reconstructed in Unit 1 in order to keep livestock on the slope and out of the bottom of the canyon. This is a future project for the North Fork allotment and permittees will work on this when time permits.
3. Permittees mentioned that they plan to work on the pipeline for the Lower unit that is on the face of the slope. They have the pipe and plane to work on this project this spring. Contact Amber for the poly welder and any other materials.
4. Craig mentioned that the fence around Defas’ Ranch needs maintenance. Defas’ Ranch is responsible for maintaining the fence. If permittee cattle enter the Ranch, please remove cattle as soon as possible.

5. Permittees mentioned they needed 6ft t-posts to replace the fence at the Syphon. T-posts are sinking in the ground and cattle are jumping the existing fence. Contact Amber for materials.
6. Below is the riding and maintenance schedule for the allotment. Responsible permittee will inspect and maintain water improvements, monitor vegetation and utilization, herd cattle to improve distribution, and insure that allotment operating instructions are followed and compliance is met.

| <u>Allotment Units</u> | <u>Alloted Time</u> | <u>Responsible Permittee</u> |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Lower North Fork & Upper North Fork | 6/16 – 7/20 | Craig Thomas |
| Upper North Fork & Middle Unit - Trail Hollow | 7/21 – 8/25 | Max Fabrizio |
| West Slope | 8/26 – 9/30 | Ben Park |

Maintenance of Improvements

All fences and water developments must be maintained before the cattle will be allowed to enter the allotment. Please contact our office when you have completed your maintenance. Do so at least **five** days before the cattle enter the allotment so that we will have time to inspect these improvements. A range technician may randomly inspect improvements on the allotment. Also, when reworking developments, all discarded material (i.e. old troughs, broken pipe, wire, etc.) must be removed from forest property.

Improvement Checklist

| Improvement Name | Improvement # | Improvement Name | Improvement # |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Right of Way Fence | 004354 | North Fork Boundary Fence | 004220 |
| Mill Flat Drift Fence | 004218 | West Slope Drift Fence | 004219 |
| Lower Swift Creek Drift Fence | 004222 | North Fork Drift Fence | 004223 |
| Swift Creek Manage. Fence | 004241 | West Slope Spring | 435671 |
| Siphon Spring | 435670 | West Slope Reservoir | 435676 |
| NW Blind Stream Fence | 004442A | North Fork Boundary Fence | 004233 |

Actual Use Record

The actual use record and maintenance report included in the back of this document needs to be **filled out and returned immediately** following the grazing season. If anything comes up concerning the allotment or your permit, contact Amber Helmus at (435) 781-5205 or cell (435) 790-7058. Thanks for your cooperation and have a good summer.

Amber Helmus
Rangeland Management Specialist

2014 Actual Use RecordALLOTMENT NAME North Fork Duchesne

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK GRAZED _____

DATE ENTERED NATIONAL FOREST _____

DATE LEFT NATIONAL FOREST _____

HOURS WORKED ON MAINTENANCE OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

MONEY SPENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

HOURS WORKED ON CONSTRUCTION OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

MONEY SPENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS _____

RECORD OF USE BY UNITS WITHIN ALLOTMENT (AS SHOWN ON MAP)

| Unit Name | Sequence | Dates Used | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|----|
| | | From | to |
| Lower North Fork | 1 st | | |
| Upper North Fork | 2 nd | | |
| Middle Unit-Trail Hollow | 3 rd | | |
| West Slope | 4 th | | |

LOSSES: NUMBERS _____ CAUSES _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE _____

COMMENTS: (Include needed range improvements and proposed changes in annual plan of use)
